

Ottawa Ladies College
May 26th 1883

My Dear Dr Dawson & Mr. G. &c

I was sorry I had not
an opportunity of seeing you,
when you were here I only got
a look of you at a distance
on the 24th

I write you this note for
a special purpose which I
am sure you will not think
intrusive. I shall be free from this
College next year having re-
signed my position as principal.

I have had no personal
trouble with my Directors but
I imagine they think I am getting
too old and perhaps beginning to
feel physically the effects of the
mental worry inseparable

fewer such an institution as
this; Altho the institution has
never been so prosperous as
it has been this year I have
nevertheless resigned

As it shall want some-
thing to do it has occurred
to me that as you are to be
absent a year in Europe &
I might, if no one better can
be found, take your department
of Botany in the College
I think I could do this
effectively & satisfactorily
There is no subject in which
I feel so deep an interest
and have studied so extensively
in all its departments as
this I have taught it for years

and my long familiarity with
the lower forms has made
botanical physiology and
histology with the life
history and development
of plants familiar to me.
You know too how orthodox
I am on philosophical
points so that you might
be sure that nothing would
be taught by me that was in-
consistent with your own
teaching.

Hoping you will
enjoy your years liberly and
praying you to excuse this
letter of mine I am sincerely yours
A. Kempster

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